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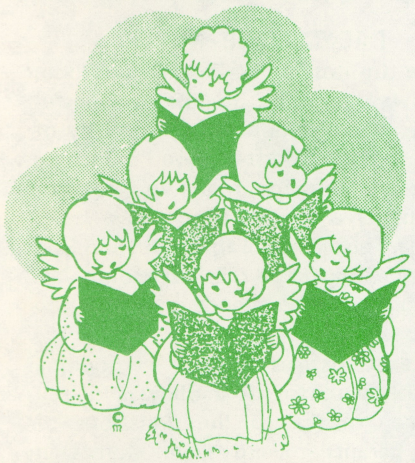
Christmas Program - Church Decorating - Potluck Dinner

Food and Donations for Poor Form Part of St. John's Celebration Today

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CHURCH DECORATING POTLUCK DINNER TODAY



A Christmas Program will be presented at 2:00 p.m. today by grades 1 through 6. The theme will be PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. The program will be followed by church decorating and a Potluck Supper. We hope that many parishioners will come and join in the preparations and the celebrations.

FOOD TO BE COLLECTED TODAY

We are now in the process of trying to provide food baskets for Christmas for many families in need. These families have been referred to us by reputable agencies who are already out of supplies themselves and have to rely on parishes in the city for help. St. John's has always been generous and we hope you will outdo yourself this year. Baskets will be placed at the church entrances today. We are asking that you leave a donation of food or money so that we can take care of all requests. The donations will be brought up in the Offertory Collection at all the Masses as part of our Christmas concern for those who have less than we have.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 23rd
Food Collected at all Masses
2:00 p.m. Elementary Christmas Program
Church Decoration
Potluck Dinner

MONDAY, December 24th
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Confessions
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
Midnight Mass followed by SISTERS' OPEN HOUSE

The Sisters will be having their annual Open House after the Midnight Mass of Christmas. All are invited to join with friends in celebrating the early hours of Christmas Day. We hope to see many of you there.

TUESDAY, December 25th
Masses celebrated at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Just A Word... by Fr. Harvey

The message of Christmas remains ever simple - as simple as it was first proclaimed to surprised shepherds on the hills of Bethlehem. "You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you - tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord."

The meaning of this Christmas message has become clearer to me over these past six years as we have experienced that 'good news' together in so many, many ways.

Your joyful greetings and kind remembrances this Christmas season and throughout the year help us realize that the true meaning of Christmas cannot be limited to a Christmas that is celebrated only once a year.

On behalf of the Sisters, Fr. Dominic, and our parish staff, we pray that joy may be the reward of your faithful love. And may the surprise which Love first brought, continue to surprise each one of us!

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

Re: RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION. Those who receive Holy Communion at the Midnight Mass on Christmas may also receive the Holy Eucharist at a later Mass should they desire to attend.

Re: CHRISTMAS COLLECTION. The Christmas collection taken up at all Christmas Masses is not designated for any particular need as in some years past, but remains part of the general parish funds.

Re: BROADCAST OF MIDNIGHT MASS. Our Christmas Midnight Mass will once again be broadcast over radio station WAAM, Ann Arbor. This local broadcast is made possible courtesy of Hughes Real Estate and the Huron Valley Glass Company.

PARISH NUPTIALS

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McCrystal

On Saturday afternoon, Patrick R. McCrystal and Lynda S. LaVoie exchanged their solemn vows of marriage in our church before Fr. Harvey. Kelly McCrystal and Laurie LaVoie, both of Ypsilanti, witnessed their brother's and sister's vows along with family and friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrystal of 1001 W. Cross St. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William LaVoie of 1943 Burns.

Miss Kathleen O'Hara was lector and commentator for the celebration. Sister Mary, the soloist, was accompanied by Mr. Scott Etzell.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Wysocki

On Saturday evening, December 15, 1973, Gerard Wysocki and Jill Savery pledged their love in Holy Marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Wysocki, 1512 Gregory. Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Savery, 1440 Evelyn.

Mr. Robert Wiens served the Liturgy as lector and commentator. Music was provided by Sr. Mary, vocalist, Mrs. Marlene Wallerstedt, organist, Debbie Baer, trumpeter, and David Scrase, guitarist.

Michael Buschell and Carolyn Cornish, both of Ypsilanti, were the main attendants.

We extend our congratulations to the newlyweds, and rejoice in the love they reveal. "What God has joined, let no man divide."

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lord,
may those
whom You have called
home
rest in the radiance
of heaven's light +

Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the families of four deceased persons who were buried from our parish this past week.

Mabel I. Stadtmiller

MRS. MABEL I. STADTMILLER, age 84, died on December 13, 1973. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday, December 15, 1973. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. Stadtmiller was a longtime, active parishioner of our parish and civic community. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Margaret) Martin, Ypsilanti, Mrs. John (Marian) Schebe, Indialantic, Florida, and Mrs. Albert (Martha) Walton, Ypsilanti, three sons, Bernard, Palm Bay, Florida; Bennett and George of Ypsilanti. Twenty-five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren along with one brother also survive.

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Mrs. Catherine Collins, age 62, passed away on Friday, December 14, 1973. A prayer service was led by Fr. Harvey on Monday, December 17, 1973 in the Moore Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Collins is survived by one son, Frank, and five grandchildren.

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Mr Willard Morton, age 64, died on Saturday, December 15, 1973. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church by Fr. Harvey on Tuesday, December 18, 1973. Burial followed in St John's Cemetery.

Mr. Morton is survived by his wife, Cecelia, and one son, Willard, Jr. Two brothers and four sisters also survive.

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Mrs. Allovisa (Ella) Verville, age 82, passed away on Sunday, December 16, 1973.

Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated in our parish on Wednesday, December 19, 1973 by Mrs. Verville's nephew, Fr. Pepin of Escanaba, and Fr. Harvey. Burial took place in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. Verville is survived by four daughters, Mrs. William (Evelyn) Goodman, Caspian, Michigan, Mrs. Fred (Germaine) Ennett of Milan, Mrs. Elizabeth Gallesero of our parish with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Carl (Elanore) Hewitt of Milan, three sons, Paul of Brighton, Fred of Columbus, and Eugene of Saline. Twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-nine great - grandchildren along with two sisters and one brother also survive.

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"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." May they live with Christ forever.

BABYSITTING NOTES

The tiny tots in the Babysitting Room are always grateful to the thoughtful parents who give donations, especially of cookies. They find them good munching on Sunday mornings. Thank you, parents, who answered our plea for goodies.

We are also grateful to Sharon and Bob Wild who donated a crib last month. We have so many who cannot crawl that the additional crib was a godsend.

After Christmas we will be looking into the purchase of a Show and Tell machine, thanks to the donations of many parents toward such. Monies in excess will be used to buy more comfortable chairs and play areas for the room.

We are still in need of mothers to help with babysitting. Right now we are shy 3 people and have no substitutes in case of illness, company, etc. We could also use about 8 more girls to help once a month. This is a much needed service at St. John's and one that is most appreciated by parents and congregation alike. If you feel that you could help once a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 Sunday Masses or that you could help on a substitute basis, please call Sister Carol at 483-3360 and leave your name. We do need you.

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ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT HOUR AFTER THE 9 AND 11 A.M. MASSES ON SUNDAY? IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BREAKFAST AND FOR MEETING WITH OTHER PARISHIONERS. WHY NOT STOP THIS SUNDAY...

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 23rd
FOOD COLLECTION at all Masses
9:00 a.m. Pre-School classes in the Parish Center
9:00 And 11:00 a.m. - Babysitting in Room 5 of Parish Center
9:00 And 11:00 a.m. - COFFEE AND DONUTS after these Masses
2:00 p.m. Christmas Program, Church Decorating, Potluck Dinner

MONDAY, December 24th
10:00 To 12:00 p.m. - Confessions
3:00 To 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
Midnight - Mass followed by Sisters Open House

TUESDAY, December 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Masses

WEDNESDAY, December 26th
No Bingo This Week
8:00 p.m. Administration Commission meeting in Rectory
8:00 p.m. SCA Meeting in Rectory Meeting Room

SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS

Reservations for the SCA New Year's Eve Party will be taken until Wednesday, December 26th. Cost is $2.50 per person. Tickets for the U. of M. Basketball game, January 12th, should be ordered by January 2nd. For information call Sue or Margaret at 482-1942.

REMINDERS

- POLISH NATIVITY MASS (Pasterka) to be held again this year at St. Ursula's on Saturday, December 29th at 5:00 p.m., featuring the Polish language, Polish Carols and followed by the traditional 'Oplatek' reception.
- A parishioner with children needs a girl to live in and help with children. Room and board will be offered in return. Please call Sr. Carol at 483-3360 for more information.

CONVERT CLASS TO BEGIN

If there are any potential converts who are interested in taking instructions, or if any parishioners know of someone who has expressed interest in the Catholic Church, please call Father Harvey at 483-3360 so that information can be given towards beginning a new class.

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE
Week of December 23rd

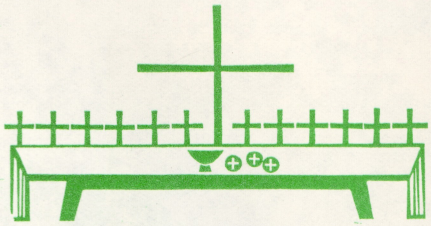
TEAM I
Rick & Jeff Steeby

TEAM II
Dennis Tice & Larry Koch

TUESDAY, Dec. 25th - CHRISTMAS
12:00 Midnight - will be contacted by phone
7:00 a.m. Rick & Jeff Steeby
9:00 a.m. John & Jim Pryce
11:00 a.m. Bill Wagner & Danny Gefre
12:30 p.m. Mike & Pat Wideman

SATURDAY, December 29th
5:00 p.m. Tim Motto & John Baxter

SUNDAY, December 30th
7:00 a.m. Jeff Anhut & Steve Wieshaar
9:00 a.m. Scott Phetteplace & Mike Cicirelli
11:00 a.m. David Dupuis & Tom Anhut
12:30 p.m. Ronald Bureau & Joe Slater



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 24th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. John & Helena Stachlewitz, req. by Marie
1:00 p.m. Mass for Vigil of Christmas - Intention of Parkview Residents - at Parkview

TUESDAY, December 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
12:00 Midnight - Intention of Father Harvey & Father Philippon
7:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Christmas Gift to Mary Barton, req. by Elizabeth Jurinic & Family
11:00 a.m. Janet Schrepper, Anniv., req. by Mr. & Mrs. R. Schrepper
12:30 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, December 26th - St. Stephen, martyr
7:00 a.m. John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by the Joe Nanry Family
8:30 a.m. No Mass or Communion

THURSDAY, December 27th - St. John, apostle-evangelist
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George J. Max

FRIDAY, December 28th - Holy Innocents, martyrs
7:00 a.m. Deceased of the John Motto Family, req. by The John Motto Family

SATURDAY, December 29th - Octave of Nativity
9:00 a.m. No Mass or Communion
5:00 p.m. Kenneth Croff, Sr., req. by the Family
6:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass, John Thomas & Stephanie Caldwell

SUNDAY, December 30th
7:00 a.m. Joseph B. Wyese, req. by The Wyese Family
9:00 a.m. Msgr. John F. Bradley, req. by Marie
11:00 a.m. Community of St. John's
12:30 p.m. Christmas gift to Mr. & Mrs. Phil Stokes, req. by Elizabeth Jurinic & Family

FINANCIAL BAROMETER
December 16, 1973

Sunday Offertory $3,108.50

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas
be with you throughout the year

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, Dec. 25th - CHRISTMAS
12:00 Midnight ..... Lee Sanford
7:00 a.m. ..... Phil Stokes
9:00 a.m. ..... John White
11:00 a.m. ..... Dick Wagner
12:30 p.m. ..... Dave Wheeler
SATURDAY, Dec. 29th
5:00 p.m. ..... Ed Look
SUNDAY, Dec. 30th
7:00 a.m. ..... Dick Wagner
9:00 a.m. ..... Bill Anhut
11:00 a.m. ..... Don Racine
12:30 p.m. ..... Gene Butman

LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, Dec. 25th - CHRISTMAS
12:00 Midnight ..... Don Racine
7:00 a.m. ..... Vera Clyne
9:00 a.m. ..... Chris White
11:00 a.m. ..... Gene Butman
12:30 p.m. ..... Mary Wheeler
SATURDAY, Dec. 29th
5:00 p.m. ..... Clem Budinger
SUNDAY, Dec. 30th
7:00 a.m. ..... Lee Sanford
9:00 a.m. ..... Mary Claire Anhut
11:00 a.m. ..... Frank Wawrzaszek
12:30 p.m. ..... Norman Hallman

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

CHRISTMAS, TUESDAY, Dec. 25th
12:00 Midnight ..... Clem Budinger
9:00 a.m. ..... Sr. Sheila
11:00 a.m. ..... Sr. Anne
12:30 p.m. ..... Dick Delano
SATURDAY, Dec. 29th
5:00 p.m. ..... Mark Wawrzaszek
SUNDAY, Dec. 30th
9:00 a.m. ..... Sr. Carol
11:00 a.m. ..... James Baker
12:30 p.m. ..... Mimi Hyde

BABYSITTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 30th
9:00 a.m. ..... Sr. Carol
11:00 a.m. ..... Mrs. Priscilla Washburn

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PASTORAL TEAM

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St. Carol Denise Koenig - Editor, Service Commission Coordinator
Sr. Theresa White - Special Education

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Service: Miss Natalie Motto 482-3735
Worship: Mr. Clement Budinger 482-6370

LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 & 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
...2:30 p.m. Parkview Home Monday
...8:30 a.m. Wednesday & 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS:

12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month. Please make arrangements at the rectory office for Parent/God-Parent classes.

WEDDINGS:

Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday ..... 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or ...anytime by appointment.
Communal Penance ..... as announced.
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Wednesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: ..... New parishioners please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: ..... The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE–SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Released Time Monday thru Wednesday and Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... after 9 and 11 Masses October through May
PARISH DINNERS: ..... First Sundays Oct. thru May
BAKE SALES: ..... After all Masses second Sundays October thru May
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. - Open 6:30

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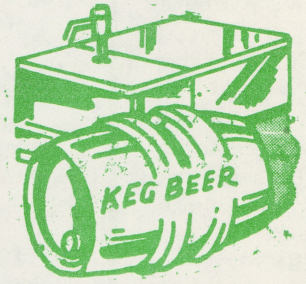

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